

Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program 2004 - 2005 Funding Cycle *Schedule & Fact Sheet*

For the NOVA grant program cycle that begins October 1, 2004, IAC will accept funding requests for the following project types:

- Education and enforcement (funds granted for one year only).
- NOVA recreation facilities. This category supports the traditional *ORV* and *Nonmotorized* trail projects, as well as the new *Nonhighway Road* (NHR) projects (see “New Category”, below; includes fishing, hunting, gathering, sightseeing, etc.). Requests may be for:
 - Land acquisition
 - Development and renovation
 - Maintenance and operation (funds may be granted for up to two years)
 - Planning.

Estimated Funds Available			
E&E	NHR	NM	ORV
\$1.3 million	\$0.9 million	\$0.9 million	\$2.2 million

Deadlines. A summary of the preliminary schedule for this grants cycle follows. For the complete schedule, consult our website at www.iac.wa.gov (*click IAC Grants, NOVA*).

- Mid-August 2004 Application manuals 5e & 5n may be downloaded via IAC’s website
- September 1, 2004 Letter of Intent due
- Sept. 9-10, 2004 NOVA Policy Manuals 13 & 14 proposed for adoption by IAC’s board
- Oct. 1, 2004 Applications due
- Dec. 6, 2004 Final plans due (planning, acquisition, development projects only);
also receive suggestions for improving/modifying proposals from
NOVA Advisory Committee
- Dec. 13, 2004 Technical Completion Deadline
- Jan. 24-28, 2005 Project evaluations by appointment in Olympia
- March 2005 IAC funding meeting (date to be announced).

Program Changes. A major legislative revision to the NOVA Program took place in 2004, including the • *creation of a new funding category* (see below) and • broadening of education-enforcement (E&E) to include both motorized and nonmotorized activities. Also updated were: • definitions, • fund distributions, • environmental review language, and • advisory committee make-up. For further information read on and/or consult draft NOVA policy manuals 13 (E&E) and 14 (General NOVA Recreation) on IAC’s website (www.iac.wa.gov; click “IAC – Grants”, “NOVA”).

New NHR Category. For the first time in almost 20 years the legislature has created a new NOVA funding category. Called “NHR” (Nonhighway Roads users), the category is intended to serve recreationists who, for the most part, recreate on or immediately adjacent to nonhighway roads. This includes, but is not limited to facilities that benefit: • boaters (nonmotorized – canoe, kayak, etc.), • campers, • those who drive for pleasure (sightseers, wildlife viewers, etc.), • fishers, • gatherers (firewood cutters and those who collect berries, mushrooms, etc.), • hunters, • picnickers.